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1. SINCE DISPATCH REF USDAO MESSAGE, SENIOR US MILITARY
OFFICER HAS RECEIVED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FROM TURK
MILITARY OFFICERS TENDING TO CONFIRM THAT MILITARY STRONGLY
WANT A JUSTICE PARTY (JP) - REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP)
COALITION OR A BROADLY BASED NATIONAL COALITION. THESE

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SOURCES INDICATE THAT TODAY, JANUARY 14, CONSTITUTES IN EFFECT

THE DEADLINE FOR AGREEMENT ON THIS KIND OF SOLUTION.

2. MEANWHILE THE LEADERS OF THE RPP AND THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) ANNOUNCED JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT JANUARY 14 THAT THEY COULD FORM A GOVERNMENT IF SO REQUESTED BY THE PRESIDENT. THE HEADS OF THE TWO HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT HAVE APPOINTMENTS THIS MORNING, JANUARY 14, TO GIVE THE PRESIDENT THEIR ANSWERS TO HIS REQUEST FOR RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO HOW A GOVERNMENT COULD BE FORMED (ANKARA 260). MOST OF THE PRESS IS PREDICTING THEY WILL RECOMMEND AN RPP-NSP COALITION.

3. THE ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWED INTENSE, ALMOST NON-STOP NEGOTIATIONS TO MEET THE DEADLINE REPRESENTED BY THE MONDAY CALLS ON THE PRESIDENT. AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT, NSP CHAIRMAN ERBAKAN TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE SELECTION OF INDIVIDUAL MINISTERS, THE DRAFTING OF A COALITION PROTOCOL, AND THE PREPARATION OF A PROGRAM REMAINED TO BE WORKED OUT, BUT THAT A "MACRO PLAN" HAD BEEN AGREED UPON. HOWEVER, MILLIYET AND CUMHURIYET (WHICH HAVE GOOD SOURCES IN THE RPP) REPORTED THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED TO GIVE THE NSP SEVEN OF THE TWENTY-FOUR CABINET POSTS: INTERIOR, JUSTICE, COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE, A MINISTER OF STATE, AND THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERSHIP. GIVING INTERIOR TO THE NSP OBVIOUSLY CONSTITUTED A MAJOR RPP CONCESSION. IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT THE NSP DID NOT GET THE DEFENSE AND EDUCATION PORTFOLIOS, WHICH HAD BEEN REPORTED EARLIER.

4. THE PRESSURE ON THE TWO PARTIES TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT WAS PERHAPS AUGMENTED BY THE REPORTS LEAKING OUT DURING THE WEEKEND THAT THE ARMED FORCES OPPOSED SUCH A COALITION. THE BBC WAS QUOTED IN MILLIYET AS REPORTING THAT THE ARMED FORCES WANTED AN RPP-JUSTICE PARTY COALITION OR A NATIONAL COALITION, AND THAT PRESIDENT KORUTURK'S MESSAGE OF JANUARY 11 WAS THE OUTCOME OF A MEMORANDUM PRESENTED TO HIM BY THE ARMED FORCES COMMANDERS. THE RPP-LEANING BARIS REPORTED JANUARY 12 THAT THE COMMANDERS GAVE KORUTURK A WRITTEN MEMORANDUM FOLLOWING A BRIEFING AT THE 28TH DIVISION ON JANUARY 9. THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PRESIDENCY IMMEDIATELY ISSUED A DENIAL THAT ANY RPT ANY MEMO EXCHANGED HANDS, BUT THIS DENIAL IN EFFECT

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ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL TALKS ON POLITICAL AFFAIRS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE TOP MILITARY LEADERSHIP.

5. COMMENT: IT IS NOW UP TO THE PRESIDENT (AND MILITARY) TO DECIDE WHETHER TO ACCEPT AN RPP-NSP COALITION. THE ALTERNATIVE IS OPEN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN THE POLITICAL

PROCESSES HERE. RE LATTER, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO REPEAT

EMBASSY'S WEEKEND REPORTING TO ABOVE ADDRESSEES.
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